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SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT - BRIEFING

REF: STATE 228848

1. AMBASSADOR DEPARTED POST PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL BUT
DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH HIM FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17.

2. WE THINK BRIEFING SUGGESTED REFTEL EXCELLENT IDEA AND BELIEVE
GOL WOULD WELCOME SUMMARY OF US FOREIGN POLICY. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO CONSIDER HOLDING BRIEFING AT BLAIR HOUSE FOR CONVENIENCE
OF PRESIDENT.

3. IN ADDITION TO SUBJECTS NOTED REFTEL, WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT WOULD
BE MOST INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING:

USG INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

USG POSITION ON UNGA ISSUES

USG POSITION ON WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SUCH AS IRB PROPOSAL
MADE AT UNCTAD)

USG VIEWS ON SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA

SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST - PARTICULARLY LEBANON
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4. RE UNGA ISSUES AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES TO ELICIT GOL
SUPPORT ON VARIOUS ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST US, EMBASSY
BELIEVES VISIT IN GENERAL, AND BRIEFING IN PARTICULAR,
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY BRIEF PRESIDENT AND KEY GOL OFFICIALS
AND ENLIST SUPPORT. WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS ON
THIS END AS WELL.

5. WE ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT LEBANON SITUATION HAS DIRECT
IMPACT ON LIBERIA DUE TO SIZABLE INFLUX OF LEBANESE INTO
ALREADY LARGE LEBANESE COMMUNITY IN LIBERIA OVER PAST YEAR
WHICH STILL CONTINUING. MATTER IS SUBJECT OF SOME CONCERN
TO GOL WHICH WORRIED ABOUT DOMESTIC ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS.
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